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QUOTED BELOW IS THE TEXT OF A GVN PROCLAMATION REGARDING VIETNAMESE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE OFFSHORE ISLANDS WHICH WAS READ
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QUOTE

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM WITH REGARD TO ITS SOVEREIGNTY OVER
THE ISLANDS OFF THE SHORES OF VIETNAM

THE NOBLEST AND MOST IMPERATIVE TASK OF A GOVT IS TO DEFEND THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE NATION. THE GOVT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IS DETERMINED TO CARRY OUT THIS TASK, REGARDLESS OF DIFFICULTIES IT MAY ENCOUNTER AND REGARDLESS OF UNFOUNDED OBJECTIONS, WHEREVER THEY MAY COME FROM.

IN THE FACE OF THE ILLEGAL MILITARY OCCUPATION BY COMMUNIST CHINA OF THE PARACELS ARCHIPELAGO WHICH IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, THE GOVT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO SOLEMNLY DECLARE BEFORE WORLD OPINION, TO FRIENDS AND FOES ALIKE, THAT:

THE HOANG SA (PARACELS) AND TRUONG SA (SPRATLEY) ARCHIPELAGOES ARE AN INDIVISIBLE PART OF THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THE GOVT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM SHALL NOT YIELD TO FORCE AND RENOUNCE ALL OR PART OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY OVER THOSE ARCHIPELAGOES.

AS LONG AS ONE SINGLE ISLAND OF THAT PART OF THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IS FORCIBLY OCCUPIED BY ANOTHER COUNTRY, THE GOVT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC WILL CONTINUE THEIR STRUGGLE TO RECOVER THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS.

THE ILLEGAL OCCUPANT WILL HAVE TO BEAR ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY

TENSION ARISING THEREFROM.

ON THIS OCCASION, THE GOVT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ALSO SOLEMNLY REAFFIRMS THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM OVER THE ISLANDS OFF THE SHORES OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH VIETNAM, WHICH HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY ACCEPTED AS A PART OF THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, ON THE BASIS OF UNDENIABLE GEOGRAPHIC, HISTORICAL AND LEGAL EVIDENCE AND ON ACCOUNT OF REALITIES.
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THE GOVT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IS DETERMINED TO DEFEND THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE NATION OVER THOSE ISLANDS BY ALL AND EVERY MEANS.

IN KEEPING WITH ITS TRADITIONALLY PEACEFUL POLICY, THE GOVT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IS DISPOSED TO SOLVE, THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS, INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES WHICH MAY ARISE OVER THOSE ISLANDS, BUT

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THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT IT SHALL RENOUNCE ITS SOVEREIGNTY OVER
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